



Sunday 24th November 2024

Christ the King

You are most welcome.

A message to new visitors is found on page 4.

Our 10:30am order of service begins on page 5.

8:00am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)

Celebrant: The Rector

10:30am Parish Eucharist (*Common Worship*)

Celebrant: The Rector

Preacher: The Reverend Doctor Jeanne Males

Setting: 'A People's Mass', *Dom Gregory Murray*
with 'The Coventry Gloria', *Peter Jones*

Hymns: Sheet (Hail Redeemer), 391, 352, 436

Music at Communion:

'Let all mortal flesh keep silence'

French carol arr. Stephen Cleobury

'Above all praise and all majesty'

Felix Mendelssohn

Postlude:

'Overture to the Ode on St Cecilia's Day' *Henry Purcell*

For your prayers

At This Time

Baby Dylan Andrew Brooks, Gillian Kullman, HM The King, HRH The Princess of Wales, the bereaved, and those suffering during warfare

Recently Departed Year's Mind

André 'Dédé' Devinck, Patricia Crawhall
Winifred Alice Whorlow, Arthur Yule, Isabel Victoria Hodgson,
Ann Marion Swanton, Duncan Noel Smith, George Howard,
Roy William Hodgson, Donald Smith, Ernest Sydney Champs,
Neil Roach, Jean Mary Burton, Patricia Pay, Edwin Thomas
Peart, Leonard Alfred Champs.

Reflection for the week

The Rector

So much of our time, in Sandwich, we celebrate the longevity of traditions – the Cinque Ports, the most complete collection of medieval buildings in England, the life and building of our own St Clement's, local customs... And even these often pale into comparison compared to the history of our Church calendar and traditions, so much of which stretches back almost 2,000 years.

And yet today we celebrate a very modern feast. Christ the King was only instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as he worried that much of the world was turning away from Christ and inwards to itself. The relative infancy of today's feast emphasises its relevance - in many ways he was right, and much of the time our society does indeed place humanity on the top pedestal, instead of God.

God does, indeed, inhabit the highest pedestal, simply by being God. But as we begin to look ahead towards Christmas, and the celebration of the birth of Christ, we remember that he humbled himself and took the form of a servant, stooping down to the lower pedestal on which we find ourselves as humans, because of our sin.

Perhaps the place of the Church is to knock humanity off the top pedestal and say 'No! That's God's place, we're sinners!' Is that what today's Feast is saying? I don't think so, entirely. Because that's only half a Gospel.

Not only does God stoop to save us, because we are lower than he, he also raises us up. Today we don't just say 'God is King over all creation!' but 'He shares his Royal nature with us, his servants!' In Baptism we are anointed, just as HM Charles III was anointed at his Coronation, as a sign of our Royal nature. Christ is King, but by his life, death, and resurrection we are able to be his brothers and sisters, part of his Royal family.

Today, therefore, let us celebrate that the pedestal we find ourselves on as humanity isn't the highest one. In a world we know is broken, in lives we know are not perfect, there is something more, something greater than this fallen world – God himself! Christ the King! And more astonishing still, by his grace and mercy we share in his glory and the view from his pedestal.

New to St Clements?

Welcome! We're delighted that you're here

There has been a place of Christian prayer on this site for more than 1,000 years. All are welcome at our services - whatever your background and whatever your faith.

Many of the words of our service can be found from page five of this booklet. Feel free to join in with the words in bold, and to stand, kneel, or sit as you feel able and comfortable. Don't worry about getting it 'right', we're all learning to pray!

The service will start with notices and a hymn. We then bring to mind the times we've not loved God, our neighbours, and ourselves fully. Though it can be uncomfortable admitting we are sinners, we want to be honest with God (and ourselves) that we're not perfect. We can trust that God is utterly loving and forgiving.

A series of readings from scripture follows, and then the sermon, in which the preacher attempts to break open the scriptures and apply them to our lives today.

We pray for the needs of the Church and world, and then the altar is prepared. A collection will be taken, as 'giving' is an important part of

our Christian lives, but don't worry if you're unable to contribute as a visitor.

The priest leads the Eucharistic Prayer - the prayer of thanksgiving - during which we offer bread and wine to God, and He transforms it into the Body and Blood of Christ.

All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion (it's fine to only receive the Body or Blood if you prefer. For reasons of hygiene please don't dip the wafer into the chalice). Or do come forward holding this booklet to receive a blessing. **If you need a gluten-free wafer please let someone at the door know before the service.**

We share refreshments in the Sunley Room (accessed up the ramp behind the organ), and you are most welcome to stay. Toilets may also be found here.

The Church is open daily for peace and prayer. If you'd like to know more about our worship or faith, do talk to people in the congregation or one of the priests. You can also visit our website, www.stclementschurchsandwich.org.uk

Music at 10:30am today

After the intercessions this morning the choir will sing a short hymn with words and music written by the late Ann Swanton (wife of the late Jim Swanton) who died in November 1998 and who is remembered in today's prayers. Ann was a proficient pianist, musician and artist. The hymn might have been sung at her funeral, but certainly was at Candlemas in the following year.

Today's two communion pieces are very different, but both reflect this Sunday's theme of Christ the King. Stephen Cleobury (1948-2018), previously Director of Music at Kings College Cambridge and one time organ recitalist here at St Clements, arranged the familiar hymn words and French tune to *Let all mortal flesh keep silence* in such a way that gives it a new dimension. The relevant words are in verse 2 – 'King of Kings yet born of Mary'. The words are taken from the Liturgy of St James dating from the 4th century wrapped up in Victorian times into this Cherubic hymn by the Revd Gerard Moultrie. It is followed by a short anthem by Felix Mendelssohn – *Above all praise and all majesty*. It is written in a triumphal style and concludes with "Hallelujah".

The outgoing voluntary has been chosen to honour St Cecilia who was a Roman Christian virgin martyr venerated in Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican, and some Lutheran churches. She became the patroness of music and musicians. It is said that as the musicians played at her wedding, Cecilia "sang in her heart to the Lord". Many musical compositions are dedicated to her and her feast day (the 22nd November), such as the Ode that Henry Purcell wrote in 1692 in her honour. This morning, parts of the Overture are played – bright and happy music indeed!

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Order of Service

The Gathering

Notices are given before the service. Stand for the opening hymn:

Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine,
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

*Angels, saints and nations sing
'Praised be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary!*

King whose name creation thrills,
Rule our minds, our hearts, our wills,
Till in peace each nation rings
With thy praises, King of kings

King most holy, King of truth,
Guide the lowly, guide the youth;
Christ thou King of glory bright
Be to us eternal light

Shepherd-King, o'er mountains steep,
Homeward bring the wandering sheep;
Shelter in one royal fold
States and kingdoms, new and old

Eucharistic King, what love
Draws thee daily from above,
Clad in signs of bread and wine;
Feed us, lead us, keep us thine....

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

Almighty God, **to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confessing our Sins

The Celebrant introduces a period of silence in which all call to mind their sins. Then all kneel or sit.

Most merciful God, **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The Celebrant pronounces the forgiveness of sins. All stand. The Gloria is sung, the congregation

singing parts in bold.

Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth. **Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father. **Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.**

We worship you, **glory in the highest, give you thanks, glory in the highest, praise you for your glory. Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, **have mercy on us.** You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer, **receive our prayer.**

Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth. **Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the most High, Jesus Christ, With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, the glory of God the

Father. **Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth. Amen. Amen.**

The Celebrant says: Let us pray: Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *All say Amen.*

The Scriptures

Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.

A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.

The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples,

nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Remain seated as the Choir sing Psalm 93 Dominus regnavit

The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel: the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.

He hath made the round world so sure: that it cannot be moved.

Ever since the world began hath thy seat been prepared: thou art from everlasting.

The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have lift up their voice: the floods lift up their waves.

The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly: but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.

Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure: holiness becometh thine house for ever.

Revelation 1.4b-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia.'

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the

ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

‘I am the Alpha and the Omega’, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn Number 391

Turn to face the Book of the Gospels as it moves to the centre of the nave. ‘Alleluia’ is sung.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 18.33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?’ Pilate replied, ‘I am

not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me.

‘What have you done?’ Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.’ Pilate asked him, ‘So you are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

A sermon is preached.

The Creed

We believe in one God, **the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down

from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Intercessions & Peace

Kneel or sit to pray. The following response may be used: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer

At the end: Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Choir sing the following (see music notes on page 4 for details):

God is hope, the hope I have in living.

God is right, from righteousness I erred.

God is joy, the joy I have in giving.

God is truth, I'll never doubt his word.

God is light, all other lights transcending.

God is love, his love I'll not deny.

God is peace, I pray that at my ending

God is life, eternal when I die.

Stand for the Peace The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

As the altar is prepared, and a collection taken, we sing:

Hymn Number 352

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Celebrant prays over the offerings, and all respond **Amen.**

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant prays the Preface, leading into:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. *All kneel or sit*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of

praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of Mary, Clement, Peter, Paul, and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. *All say boldly: Amen.*

Preparation for Communion

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

Jesus, lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper. **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Holy Communion

Sidespeople will indicate when to move for Holy Communion. All who are baptised are welcome to receive Communion, or do bring this booklet with you to indicate that you wish to receive a blessing instead.

*After all have received Holy Communion, **Stand** as the Celebrant says* Let us pray: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *All say Amen.*

All say Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Hymn Number 436

Going out into the World

All remain standing for the blessing and dismissal:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Celebrant blesses and dismisses the congregation.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ, Amen!**

The organ postlude is part of our act of worship, please remain quiet.

If you are able, do please stay for refreshments after the service - served in The Sunley Room (behind the organ)

Parish Notices and Events

Please send any news or notices for a Sunday booklet to the Parish Office before noon on the Wednesday preceding.



advent
prepare with
st clement's

Prepare for
Christmas by
taking time out to
find peace this
Advent

Every Sunday

holy communion - 8.00am
sung parish eucharist - 10.30am

Advent Carol Service

st peter & st paul, worth
sunday 1st dec - 5.00pm

Open the season of Advent with readings
and music led by the Choir of St
Clement's in our sister Church

Advent Compline

tuesday 17th dec - 6.30pm

A quiet, traditional service of Night
Prayer sung by the Choir of St Clement's



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Nine Lessons & Carols

sunday 22nd dec. - 6.30pm

**Children's Christingle
Crib Service**

christmas eve - 4.00pm

Midnight Mass

christmas eve - 11.00pm

Holy Communion

christmas day - 8.00am

**Family Christmas
Celebration**

christmas day - 11.00am

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Advent Coffee Morning & Raffle

SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER

10AM TO 12 NOON - ST CLEMENT'S CHURCH HALL

HOME MADE CAKE & SAVOURIES STALL

BOTTLE TOMBOLA & RAFFLE

Entrance £3 to include a hot drink & a piece of cake

Donations for the Bottle Tombola can be left in Church in the box near the Font.

Home made cakes and savouries can be delivered to the Parish Office on the Friday morning, 29th November, between 9am and 1pm, or on the morning of the Coffee Morning from 8.30am.

10:30am Collection, from next week

The Parochial Church Council have decided to trial a different form of Collection from next week. Rather than taking a Collection during the service (which can be awkward for visitors, and offputting for those who are less financially stable), during Advent the Collection bowl will be available beside the door for offerings before the service.

This will still be offered to God during the Offertory, and offerings and donations can also be made after the service.

If you wish to give regularly to St Clement's this might be a good time to consider using the Parish Giving Scheme. This Scheme, operated by the Church of England, works like a direct debit and donates directly from your bank account. It is extremely easy to alter your donation in the future by writing to the Parish Giving Scheme, telephoning them, or setting up an online account. 'I have given digitally' cards will be available by the Collection plate, so that your offering is still offered up spiritually.

'Pledge Forms' are available on the information table beside the font, and these include more details. To discuss this further, or if you have concerns, please speak to the Rector or Treasurer.

Parish Diary

November

Saturday 30th November	10:00am - Noon	Advent Coffee Morning and Raffle <i>A chance to talk to friends and neighbours over coffee and cake in our Church Hall</i>
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December

Sunday 1st December	5:00pm	Advent Carol Service - Worth <i>At our sister parish of St Peter and St Paul, Worth. We prepare for the keeping of Advent with readings, hymns, and anthems from our Choir</i>
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Tuesday 17th December	6:30pm	Advent Compline <i>Our Choir bring light into darkness by leading this quiet service of Night Prayer</i>
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Sunday 22nd December	6:30pm	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols <i>A highlight of the year, the traditional service recalling the story of Christ's birth in word and music</i>
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Tuesday 24th December	4:00pm	Children's Christingle Crib Service <i>Children and families are especially welcome to this interactive service celebrating light in the world</i>
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	11:00pm	Midnight Mass <i>The traditional way to bring in Christmas, a Eucharist celebrated with the Choir and Carols</i>
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Wednesday 25th December	8:00am	Holy Communion <i>A thirty minute said service, according to the 1662 Book of Common Prayer</i>
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	11:00am	Family Christmas Celebration <i>Readings and carols to celebrate Christmas Day</i>
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The week ahead

Monday 25th November - Feria

Tuesday 26th November - Feria

Wednesday 27th November - Feria

10:00am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)

Thursday 28th November - Feria

Friday 29th November - Feria

10:00am Coffee Pot (*Parish Hall*)

Saturday 30th November - Feria

10:00am to Noon Advent Coffee Morning and Raffle, (*Church Hall*)

Sunday 1st December - **Advent Sunday**

8:00am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)

10:30am Parish Eucharist (Common Worship)

Celebrant: The Reverend Doctor Jeanne Males

Preacher: The Rector



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